

## Going Green is Easy!

Are you interested in "going green," but don't know where to start? In recognition of Earth Month, the City of Chula Vista and its community partners are organizing events to provide you with helpful information and free resources to make saving the planet (and saving money) easy!

Interested in transforming your yard or garden into a more nature-friendly, low water use area? Then participate in a free **NatureScape Workshop** on April 17 at 9 a.m. at the Eastlake Clubhouse at the Woods (1150 Woods Drive). The workshop, being co-sponsored by the San Diego Flyway Cities Coalition, will present simple steps to create landscaping which attracts birds and butterflies, lowers water use, and is easier to maintain. After the NatureScape Workshop, head over to the Otay Ranch Town Center (2015 Birch Road) from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. for the **Go Green & Clean Family Day**, in association with the South Bay YMCA's Healthy Kids Day. The event will feature fun activities, giveaways, and a light bulb exchange (up to 5 incandescent bulbs for free compact fluorescent lamps.) Finally, one of the easiest ways to go green is by volunteering to help keep Chula Vista clean! Join I Love A Clean San Diego for cleanup events at J Street Marina or Otay Valley Regional Park on April 24 from 9 a.m. to 12 noon as part of the region-wide **Creek to Bay Cleanup**.

Residents can also save money when purchasing new high efficiency refrigerators, clothes washers, or room air conditioners (to replace an existing one) by taking advantage

of the new **Chula Vista Appliance Exchange Rebate Program** starting on April 22. The \$20 instant rebate, which is offered for a limited time at certain local appliance stores, can be combined with up to \$200 in new statewide rebates and up to \$150 in utility rebates to lower the overall purchase costs. New appliances must meet certain efficiency standards, be installed at a Chula Vista address, and replace an existing appliance which is then recycled.

For more information on these environmental events and programs or to register for the NatureScape Workshop and Creek to Bay Cleanup, visit [www.chulavistaca.gov/clean](http://www.chulavistaca.gov/clean).



## City Recognized as a Green Leader

On March 25, the City of Chula Vista received an "Outstanding Organizational Achievement Award" from the California Center for Sustainable Energy at their San Diego Excellence in Energy (SANDEE) Banquet. The City was recognized for its comprehensive efforts in promoting energy efficiency and renewable energy, and improving the community's environmental and economic sustainability. Over the last few years, Chula Vista has created the first citywide Green Building Standard in San Diego County which ensures that new homes and offices save energy and water and are healthier for occupants. In addition, the City and SDG&E continue to offer free energy evaluations and minor retrofits for residents and businesses which have generated almost \$1 million in utility bill savings. Chula Vista has also invested in improving the lighting, air conditioning, and hot water systems at numerous libraries and recreation centers to provide more efficient and comfortable public facilities.

## Reading, Writing and Wine

Your Chula Vista Public Library has planned some great programs this Spring. Check out the various activities such as "**Paws to Read**," where children read to friendly canines. April 7 and May 5 at the South Branch at 3:30 p.m. and April 15 and May 20 at 3:30 p.m. at the Civic Center Branch. Registration is required; log on to [www.chulavistalibrary.com](http://www.chulavistalibrary.com) to register online, or contact your library.

Become an **ESL tutor**. Chula Vista Public Library and Laubach Literacy Counsel are teaming up to bring literacy classes to the library. Two tutor training session will be held : April 10 and April 17 from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., at the South Chula Vista Branch Library. Call (619) 585-5755 for more information or to register.

The Youth Action Council will host "**Theater Slam**" on April 10 from 6-9 p.m. at the Civic Center Branch. Enjoy original drama, poetry and music, all by talented local teen artists. Light refreshments will be served courtesy of the Friends of the Library. Donations will be collected at Theater Slam for a scholarship fund that provides four years at Southwestern College for an at-risk teen.

The Chula Vista Public Library Foundation is holding a **Renaissance evening of food, wine tasting and music** on Saturday, April 24 from 5-9 p.m. at the Salt Creek Recreation Center. Enjoy wine tasting and samples from some of Chula Vista's most popular eateries. Tickets are \$35 per person and can be obtained at [www.cvplfoundation.org](http://www.cvplfoundation.org) or call (619) 421-0208. Proceeds benefit the Library.

[www.chulavistalibrary.com](http://www.chulavistalibrary.com)



**PUBLIC LIBRARY**  
**CHULA VISTA**  
The Community's Family Room

## Happening this month:

### Day of the Child

Bring the family to the 10th annual Day of the Child community fair on Saturday, April 24 from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. The fun will take place in Memorial Park and Bowl featuring activities, entertainment, and local organizations and businesses. For more information on this free event, contact the Chula Vista Community Collaborative at (619) 409-9412.

### Cinco de Mayo

#### & Quinceanera Extravaganza

Celebrate on May 2 in downtown Chula Vista on Third Avenue for one of the biggest fiestas of the year! From 11 a.m. to 7 p.m., enjoy free live entertainment, authentic Mexican food, arts and crafts and more. The Quinceanera event and fashion show will be held at Memorial Park Bowl. Call (619) 422-1982.

## Did You Know...

### CERT Training

Sign up now for the next Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) training offered by the Fire Department and Southwestern College. Free classes are offered April 5, 7, 10 and 17 at Fire Station 4 for those ages 15 ½ and up. Email [chulavistaCERT@ci.chula-vista.ca.us](mailto:chulavistaCERT@ci.chula-vista.ca.us) to enroll or check for availability.

### Now Open Daily

The Chula Vista Nature Center, located at the foot of E Street, is now open seven days a week from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. with the last shuttle arriving at 4 p.m. (Previously the Center was closed on Mondays.) Check out the great events planned for spring break at [www.ChulaVistaNatureCenter.org](http://www.ChulaVistaNatureCenter.org), or call (619) 409-5900.



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Animal Control 691-5123  
Adoptions/Fostering 476-2480  
Volunteering 691-5000  
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### City Manager/Administration

Main Line 691-5031  
Communications/Media Relations 691-5296

### Code Enforcement

691-5280

### Conservation

409-3893

### Developmental Services

Engineering 691-5021  
Building 691-5272  
Planning 691-5101  
Small Business Services 409-5888  
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### Finance

Main Line 691-5250  
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### Fire

Emergency 911  
Main Line 691-5055  
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### Human Resources

Main Line 691-5096  
Job Hotline 691-5095  
Volunteering 409-5924

### Library

Civic Center Branch 691-5069  
South Branch 585-5755  
EastLake Branch 397-3980  
Volunteering 691-5000  
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### Mayor & City Council

691-5044

### Nature Center

*Nature Center Online* [CLICK HERE](#)

### Police

Emergency 911  
Report Crime/Dispatch 691-5151  
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### Public Works

CLEAN Business Program 691-5122  
*CLEAN Program Online* [CLICK HERE](#)  
Graffiti Hotline 691-5198  
*Graffiti Program Online* [CLICK HERE](#)  
Graffiti IN PROGRESS 911  
Household Hazard. Waste 691-5122  
Park Reservations 397-6197  
*Reservations Online* [CLICK HERE](#)  
Storm Water Hotline 397-6000  
Recycling/Solid Waste 691-5122  
Service Requests 397-6000  
*Service Requests Online* [CLICK HERE](#)

### Recreation

Administration 409-5979  
*Recreation Online* [CLICK HERE](#)  
CV Woman's Club 691-5083  
Heritage Center 421-7032  
Loma Verde Center 691-5082  
Loma Verde Pool 691-5081  
Monteville Center 691-5269  
Norman Park Center 691-5086  
Otay Center 476-5325  
Parkway Center 691-5083  
Parkway Pool 691-5088  
Parkway Gym 691-5084  
Salt Creek Center 585-5739  
Veterans Center 691-5260

### Redevelopment & Housing

Main Line 691-5047  
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